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Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certification Application (ORCA). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-304

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: December 17, 2007

Canned Dried Beans, Announcement FV-304, Invitation 037

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned dried beans as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Friday, December 21, 2007. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, December 28, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from February 16, 2008 – February 29, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

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| Vegetarian Beans | 24/#300 can | 1,530 cases |
| Blackeye Beans | 24/#300 can | 4,590 cases |

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

The sodium content of canned dried beans is 140 mg per serving (defined as ½ cup), 24/#300 cans, **except for Refried Beans.**

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders “Only,” if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a

connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe>? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-304, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Canned Dried Beans, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-304, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk. *

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV304
INVITATION : 037
COMM GROUP : 41 BEANS, DRIED, CANNED
COMM TYPE : 13 BEANS, VEGETARIAN, CANNED
PACK SIZE : 30 24/#300 CAN

| ITEM NO | DESTINATION CITY | ST | TRANS RESTR | QUANTITY (CSE) | PRICE PER (CSE) |
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DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/08 - 02/29/08

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| 001 | GALLUP | NM | TRUCK ONLY | 1,530 | _____ |
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 1,530

COMM TYPE : 18 BEANS, BLACKEYE, CANNED
PACK SIZE : 18 24/#300

| ITEM NO | DESTINATION CITY | ST | TRANS RESTR | QUANTITY (CSE) | PRICE PER (CSE) |
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DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/08 - 02/29/08

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| 002 | ATLANTA | GA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,530 | _____ |
| 003 | LAFAYETTE | LA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,530 | _____ |
| 004 | NEW ORLEANS | LA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,530 | _____ |


TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 4,590

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PACK SIZE : 18 24/#300

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 6,120


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